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by James Treat

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the arrow they used for small game would be made with blunt head the arrow they used for killing deers and buffaloes would have the flint arrowheads on the arrow

the bow would be of bois d'arc wood hickory or mulberry wood

the indians in early days did not have what is known as a gun but the indians had a weapon

what is known as a bow and arrow

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they would take the bark of the trees and would boil them to make the dye and after the dye was made they would take out the bark and use the colored water to dye the goods or any other kind of articles

they would put the goods in the colored water and boil it real hard until the cloth had taken the color



they would use walnut tree bark to dye goods a dark color they would use cedar tree bark to dye anything light red

and they used mulberry tree bark to dye any kind of articles yellow

the indians in early times did not have the dyes like we have today and so this was how they made their dyes

3 there was plenty of nuts

namely pecans hickory nuts walnuts and chinquapins

wild fruit and berries were also plentiful namely blackberries dewberries strawberries huckleberries cherries plums and

mulberries

the culture of fruit trees was little known on account of so many wild berries and fruits

i know that my people were civilized

and it stands to reason that if they were the rest of the creeks must have been

Willie Tiger, b. ca. 1881

Watashe Painkiller, b. ca. 1852 Jake Simmons, b. 1865

Late Night Infomercial I

by Austin Watford

"My abs are rock hard! Rock hard for summer!" he says. He is screaming it so loudly that his wife runs to him like he's dying horribly. When he sees her, he says "Honey, look at these rock hard summer abs!" and she is very suspicious of them.

"I bet they are brittle winter abs, brittle like a dried leaf and that they would shatter if I tested them."

He gasps and yells, louder, "They are for summer! Hard like granite for the UV rays! Like diamonds for the heat! Here, take this cinder block and test them! You'll see that they are made for the blister rays of the hot-time sun!" His wife tosses the cinder block at his abs and they shatter.

"You see? You see, husband of mine? Winter abs, fragile like a glass duck bought at a gas station, weak like a corpse with no muscle and only ancient bone!" and her husband sulks off into the bedroom and calls in sick to work.



